

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 563, 2/17/2015; HB 330, 2/17/2015; HB 493, 2/17/2015; HB 572, 2/17/2015

Executive Action: HB 322; HB 330; HB 337

00:00:01 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 563

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:41 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 563, Provide for a rainy day reserve fund.

00:02:48 Rep. Noonan arrived.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:10 Rep. McCarthy
00:12:42 Rep. Garner
00:12:56 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:13:12 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:13:42 Rep. Garner
00:13:51 Julie Johnson, LSD
00:14:28 Rep. Dudik
00:14:56 Rep. Garner
00:15:05 Julie Johnson, LSD
00:15:48 Rep. Dudik
00:16:05 Rep. Garner
00:17:11 Rep. Dudik
00:17:47 Rep. Garner
00:18:52 Rep. Tropila
00:19:13 Rep. Garner
00:19:20 Rep. Tropila
00:19:45 Rep. Garner
00:20:48 Rep. Tropila
00:21:59 Rep. Garner
00:22:37 Rep. Cuffe
00:22:57 Rep. Garner
00:23:22 Rep. Dudik
00:23:46 Rep. Garner
00:23:50 Julie Johnson, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:11 Rep. Garner

00:25:26 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 330**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:45 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 330, Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment.

00:25:58 Chair Ballance

00:26:10 Rep. Lynch

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:03 Tom Butler, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:26 Rep. Dudik

00:28:43 Tom Butler, MHP

00:29:23 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:29:41 Tom Butler, MHP

00:29:56 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:30:31 Tom Butler, MHP

00:31:12 Chair Ballance

00:31:21 Rep. Tropila

00:31:56 Rep. Schwaderer

00:32:37 Rep. Tropila

00:32:48 Rep. Schwaderer

00:33:58 Rep. Tropila

00:34:20 Tom Butler, MHP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:50 Rep. Schwaderer

HEARING ON HB 493**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:29 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 493, Provide for financing and construction of the south west veterans' home.

[EXHIBIT\(aph39a01\)](#)

00:37:53 Rep. Ehli arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:49 Sen. Keane, SD 38

00:43:27 Bob Pavlovich, Butte

00:45:19 Rep. Welborn, HD 72

00:46:23 Rep. Shaw, HD 71

00:46:51 Dan Antonetti, Helena

00:48:24 Jack Whelon, Butte
 00:48:57 Matt Vincent, Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow County
 00:50:54 Eileen Greb, Butte
 00:52:15 Mike Lawson, United Veterans Council (UVC)
 00:54:10 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County
 00:54:38 Mary Creech, Butte Veterans' Home
 00:55:53 Jim Smitham, Executive Director, Butte Local Development Corp.
 00:57:58 Tom Reamer, Butte
 00:59:02 Dave Palmer, Butte-Silver Bow County
 00:59:32 John Nugent, Butte
 01:00:38 Melvin Kieninger, Butte
 01:01:34 Mark Gollinger, Butte
 01:02:43 Pat Holland, Butte-Silver Bow County
 01:03:27 Rep. McClafferty, HD 73
 01:03:51 Marko Lucich, Butte
 01:04:26 Rep. Peppers
 01:05:02 Earl M. Larvie, Butte
 01:06:55 Ken Lane, Butte-Silver Bow County
 01:08:22 John Thompson, Butte
 01:09:03 Dave Farris, Butte
 01:09:52 Sen. Sesso
 01:15:15 Rep. Lynch

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:25 Rep. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:11 Rep. Lynch

01:17:21 Recess

01:30:05 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 572

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:19 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 572, Revise treasure state endowment program laws.

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Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:12 Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCRMWA)
 01:34:00 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA)
 01:34:26 Gary Amestoy, Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA), self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:57 Chair Ballance

01:36:11 Rep. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:49 Rep. Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 322

01:38:56 Chair Ballance

01:39:01 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 322 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:39:13 Rep. Ellis

01:39:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 330

01:41:19 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 330 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:41:26 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:43:59 Rep. Tropila
01:44:42 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:45:06 Chair Ballance
01:45:24 Rep. Cuffe
01:45:32 Chair Ballance
01:45:35 Rep. Dudik
01:45:44 Chair Ballance
01:45:51 Rep. Woods
01:46:16 Rep. Brodehl
01:46:34 Rep. Tropila
01:47:04 Rep. Brodehl
01:47:26 Rep. Tropila
01:48:02 Rep. Dudik
01:48:24 Rep. Cuffe
01:48:52 Rep. Glimm
01:48:56 Rep. Cuffe
01:49:24 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:50:11 Rep. Osmundson
01:51:11 Chair Ballance
01:51:26 Rep. Brodehl

01:52:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Ehli, Rep. Glimm, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Osmundson and Rep. Tschida voting aye.

01:54:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 330 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 337

01:54:35 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 337 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:54:47 Rep. McCarthy

01:55:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:55:52 Chair Ballance

01:56:44 Rep. Tropila

01:57:09 Chair Ballance

01:57:25 Rep. Noonan

01:58:08 Chair Ballance

01:58:19 Rep. McCarthy

01:58:55 Chair Ballance

01:59:08 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:59:54 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

02:00:26 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph39aad.pdf](#))